

SENATE BILL 5154

State of Washington                      55th Legislature                      1997 Regular Session

By Senators Horn, Heavey and Prince

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1            AN ACT Relating to maximum gross weight of vehicles; and amending  
2 RCW 46.44.041.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.44.041 and 1995 c 171 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6            No vehicle or combination of vehicles shall operate upon the public  
7 highways of this state with a gross load on any single axle in excess  
8 of twenty thousand pounds, or upon any group of axles in excess of that  
9 set forth in the following table, except that two consecutive sets of  
10 tandem axles may carry a gross load of thirty-four thousand pounds  
11 each, if the overall distance between the first and last axles of such  
12 consecutive sets of tandem axles is thirty-six feet or more.

13 Dis-	
14 tance	
15 in feet	Maximum load in pounds
16 between	carried on any group of 2
17 the ex-	or more consecutive axles
18 tremes	

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
of any	group	of 2	or more	consecu-	tive	axles	axles	axles
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	axles
8	4	34,000						
9	5	34,000						
10	6	34,000						
11	7	34,000						
12	8 & less							
13		34,000	34,000					
14	more than 8							
15		38,000	42,000					
16	9	39,000	42,500					
17	10	40,000	43,500					
18	11		44,000					
19	12		45,000	50,000				
20	13		45,500	50,500				
21	14		46,500	51,500				
22	15		47,000	52,000				
23	16		48,000	52,500	58,000			
24	17		48,500	53,500	58,500			
25	18		49,500	54,000	59,000			
26	19		50,000	54,500	60,000			
27	20		51,000	55,500	60,500	66,000		
28	21		51,500	56,000	61,000	66,500		
29	22		52,500	56,500	61,500	67,000		
30	23		53,000	57,500	62,500	68,000		
31	24		54,000	58,000	63,000	68,500	74,000	
32	25		54,500	58,500	63,500	69,000	74,500	
33	26		55,500	59,500	64,000	69,500	75,000	
34	27		56,000	60,000	65,000	70,000	75,500	
35	28		57,000	60,500	65,500	71,000	76,500	82,000
36	29		57,500	61,500	66,000	71,500	77,000	82,500
37	30		58,500	62,000	66,500	72,000	77,500	83,000
38	31		59,000	62,500	67,500	72,500	78,000	83,500

1	32	60,000	63,500	68,000	73,000	78,500	84,500	90,000
2	33		64,000	68,500	74,000	79,000	85,000	90,500
3	34		64,500	69,000	74,500	80,000	85,500	91,000
4	35		65,500	70,000	75,000	80,500	86,000	91,500
5	36		66,000	70,500	75,500	81,000	86,500	92,000
6	37		66,500	71,000	76,000	81,500	87,000	93,000
7	38		67,500	71,500	77,000	82,000	87,500	93,500
8	39		68,000	72,500	77,500	82,500	88,500	94,000
9	40		68,500	73,000	78,000	83,500	89,000	94,500
10	41		69,500	73,500	78,500	84,000	89,500	95,000
11	42		70,000	74,000	79,000	84,500	90,000	95,500
12	43		70,500	75,000	80,000	85,000	90,500	96,000
13	44		71,500	75,500	80,500	85,500	91,000	96,500
14	45		72,000	76,000	81,000	86,000	91,500	97,500
15	46		72,500	76,500	81,500	87,000	92,500	98,000
16	47		73,500	77,500	82,000	87,500	93,000	98,500
17	48		74,000	78,000	83,000	88,000	93,500	99,000
18	49		74,500	78,500	83,500	88,500	94,000	99,500
19	50		75,500	79,000	84,000	89,000	94,500	100,000
20	51		76,000	80,000	84,500	89,500	95,000	100,500
21	52		76,500	80,500	85,000	90,500	95,500	101,000
22	53		77,500	81,000	86,000	91,000	96,500	102,000
23	54		78,000	81,500	86,500	91,500	97,000	102,500
24	55		78,500	82,500	87,000	92,000	97,500	103,000
25	56		79,500	83,000	87,500	92,500	98,000	103,500
26	57		80,000	83,500	88,000	93,000	98,500	104,000
27	58			84,000	89,000	94,000	99,000	104,500
28	59			85,000	89,500	94,500	99,500	105,500
29	60			85,500	90,000	95,000	100,500	105,500
30	61			86,000	90,500	95,500	101,000	105,500
31	62			86,500	91,000	96,000	101,500	105,500
32	63			87,500	92,000	96,500	102,000	105,500
33	64			88,000	92,500	97,500	102,500	105,500
34	65			88,500	93,000	98,000	103,000	105,500
35	66			89,000	93,500	98,500	103,500	105,500
36	67			90,000	94,000	99,000	104,500	105,500
37	68			90,500	95,000	99,500	105,000	105,500
38	69			91,000	95,500	100,000	105,500	105,500
39	70			( (92,000) )	96,000	101,000	105,500	105,500

1		<u>91,500</u>				
2	<u>71</u>	92,500	96,500	101,500	105,500	105,500
3	<u>72</u>	93,000	97,000	102,000	105,500	105,500
4	<u>73</u>	93,500	98,000	102,500	105,500	105,500
5	<u>74</u>	94,000	98,500	103,000	105,500	105,500
6	<u>75</u>	95,000	99,000	103,500	105,500	105,500
7	<u>76</u>	95,500	99,500	104,500	105,500	105,500
8	<u>77</u>	96,000	100,000	105,000	105,500	105,500
9	<u>78</u>	96,500	101,000	105,500	105,500	105,500
10	<u>79</u>	97,500	101,500	105,500	105,500	105,500
11	<u>80</u>	98,000	102,000	105,500	105,500	105,500
12	<u>81</u>	98,500	102,500	105,500	105,500	105,500
13	<u>82</u>	99,000	103,000	105,500	105,500	105,500
14	<u>83</u>	100,000	104,000	105,500	105,500	105,500
15	<u>84</u>		104,500	105,500	105,500	105,500
16	<u>85</u>		105,000	105,500	105,500	105,500
17	<u>86 or more</u>		105,500	105,500	105,500	105,500

18 When inches are involved: Under six inches take lower, six inches or  
19 over take higher. The maximum load on any axle in any group of axles  
20 shall not exceed the single axle or tandem axle allowance as set forth  
21 in the table above.

22 The maximum axle and gross weights specified in this section are  
23 subject to the braking requirements set up for the service brakes upon  
24 any motor vehicle or combination of vehicles as provided by law.

25 Loads of not more than eighty thousand pounds which may be legally  
26 hauled in the state bordering this state which also has a sales tax,  
27 are legal in this state when moving to a port district within four  
28 miles of the bordering state except on the interstate system. This  
29 provision does not allow the operation of a vehicle combination  
30 consisting of a truck tractor and three trailers.

31 Notwithstanding anything contained herein, a vehicle or  
32 combination of vehicles in operation on January 4, 1975, may operate  
33 upon the public highways of this state, including the interstate system  
34 within the meaning of section 127 of Title 23, United States Code, with  
35 an overall gross weight upon a group of two consecutive sets of dual

1 axles which was lawful in this state under the laws, regulations, and  
2 procedures in effect in this state on January 4, 1975.

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